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INDIANAPOLIS MAN SENTENCED TO XX YEARS FOR ROLE IN ECSTASY CONSPIRACY

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that GERALD RACHELL, 22, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 8 years and 10 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following his guilty plea to Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and/or distribute Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (Ecstasy) and carrying a firearm in during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

The charges against RACHELL occurred as a result of an investigation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Marion County Sheriff's Department. Evidence at the sentencing hearing revealed that RACHELL and another individual were arrested on

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December 1, 2003, after a covert law enforcement operation revealed that they were in possession of 1,000 dosage units or “hits” of Ecstasy, which they intended to sell in the Indianapolis area. At the time of his arrest, RACHELL was in possession of a Tec-9 semiautomatic assault weapon.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Barry D. Glickman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also imposed 3 years supervised release following RACHELL’S release from imprisonment.

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